

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Principal School Medical Officer**

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
COUNTY HALL, IPSWICH.  
May, 1957.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the annual report on the work of the School Health Service for 1956.

During the year the normal work of the School Health Service has proceeded methodically despite new demands made upon the time of the medical, nursing and clerical staff.

It was possible to appoint an additional Medical Officer early in the year and this is reflected in the number of children examined at routine school medical inspections. The Ministry of Education introduced changes in the method of recording statistics from the beginning of the year, the two most important of which were the grouping of children into two categories in respect of physical condition rather than the three used to define general condition in previous years, and the recording of separate figures of defects found by medical inspection in the entrants and leavers groups.

It is interesting to note that there appears to have been no significant change in the pattern of defects noted at medical inspection.

Since the School Nurses have had to devote a much larger proportion of time to assisting the School Medical Officers, they have been unable to carry out as many head inspections as in previous years, but the number of verminous children found has still, in fact, decreased, and special attention has been given to schools where there is a "hard core" of families who do not pay sufficient attention to personal hygiene.

The Principal School Dental Officer records in his report the welcome strengthening of the staff by another full-time Dental Officer, and in addition I would mention that it has been possible to obtain the services of a part-time officer for one session each week in the Stowmarket Dental Clinic.

It is a pity that it should be necessary once again to note that the staffing position in the Speech Therapy Service remains unsatisfactory. Vacancies cannot be filled and therefore the benefits of this most valuable service cannot be made available to more than a very limited number of children.

As Members will be aware, the Committee's medical staff has played a very large part in the successful launching of the scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis, which, begun in May, 1956, has gone on as quickly as the supply of vaccine permitted.

The scheme begun during 1955 for the T.B. skin testing of school children has continued, but at a much reduced pace due to the many other commitments of the medical and nursing staff.

As always in the past the interest shown, and the help given throughout the year by the Chairman and Members of the School Welfare Sub-Committee in the work and problems of the School Health Service, have been most stimulating to all the professional and clerical staff concerned in both the Education and Health Departments, and I am indeed grateful for it. A special word of thanks must be accorded to the Committee's teaching staff, whose active and freely given assistance has been invaluable.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. T. G. GRAY,  
*Principal School Medical Officer.*

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

### 1. (a) Staff.

#### **Principal School Medical Officer:**

S. T. G. Gray, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

#### **School Medical Officers:**

P. G. Cannon, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

K. M. Harding, M.D., D.P.H.

C. H. Imrie, T.D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

J. F. Morrison, M.D., D.C.H. (part-time).

G. E. Pryce, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O. (part-time).

C. S. Webster, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (part-time) (from 14/5/56).

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 2.66 full-time Officers.

#### **Speech Therapists:**

Mrs. E. A. Smyth, L.C.S.T.

Miss S. E. M. Nicholson, L.C.S.T. (from 12/9/56).

#### **Principal School Dental Officer:**

Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S.

#### **School Dental Officers:**

Mr. J. E. Benfield, L.D.S.

Mr. F. W. Walmsley, L.D.S. (from 1/3/56).

Mr. J. D. F. Helme, L.D.S. (part-time) (from 8/2/56).

#### **County Nursing Officer:**

Miss M. Vaughan-Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

#### **Deputy County Nursing Officer:**

Miss H. Place, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

**School Nurses:** Miss E. L. Almblad, Miss B. C. Broughton, Mrs. D. Carter, Miss J. P. Cosnett, Miss W. M. Deakin, Miss B. L. Frost, Miss M. N. Hardingham, Miss P. M. Harvey (resigned 30/11/56), Miss S. Leighton, Miss L. Luff, Miss M. M. Pearsons, Mrs. G. T. G. Robertson (from 16/7/56), Miss A. Rooney, Miss M. Scott (part-time), Miss K. Smith, Miss O. L. Swann (part-time) (resigned 31/8/56), Miss D. Wilding, Miss S. J. Williams.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 5.275 full-time School Nurses.

#### **Dental Attendants:**

Mrs. M. Currie (resigned 26/12/56).

Miss J. C. Edmonds (from 27/2/56).

Miss S. Forster.

Miss M. B. E. Reeve Parker (from 31/12/56).

### 1. (b) School Clinics.

The following are the permanent clinics in the Education Authority's area:—

#### County Area:

<i>Place.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Services Provided.</i>
Beccles ...	Crowfoot School	Dental Speech Therapy.
Ipswich ...	The County Hall	Dental (Orthodontic), by appointment only.
Leiston ...	The County Health Clinic, "Daneway," Haylings Rd.	Dental.
Saxmundham	The County Health Clinic, Saxmundham	Chest Clinic (by Regional Hospital Board). Child Psychiatry (by Regional Hospital Board). Ophthalmic (by Regional Hospital Board).
Stowmarket	The County Health Clinic, 8 Violet Hill	Chest Clinic (by Regional Hospital Board). Dental. Speech Therapy. Ophthalmic (by Regional Hospital Board).

#### Lowestoft Excepted District:

Connaught House Clinic, 123 High Street.	Minor ailments.
Kirkley Clinic, Southwell Road	Minor ailments. Dental.

**2. Co-operation with other Public Health Services.**—As during last year liaison between all concerned with the health of the school child has been satisfactory.

### PRIMARY, SECONDARY MODERN AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

**3. Hygiene and Sanitation in Schools.**—During the last twelve months only a limited amount of improvement work has been possible, but 32 schools have benefited as follows:—

Mains water ...	...	...	...	...	18 schools
New cesspools	...	...	...	...	6 „
Washbasins ...	...	...	...	...	11 „
New or additional lavatories	...	...	...	...	5 „
New drainage, or improvements to existing drainage					9 „

**4. Medical Inspection in Schools.**—The area of the administrative County for school purposes, excluding the Borough of Lowestoft, is 543,812 acres, with a population of 174 224 (1951 census), 214 schools in the County are under the control of the Education Committee (193 Primary, 13 Secondary Modern, 7 Secondary Grammar and Ashley Downs Special School, Lowestoft).



The number of children on the school register at the end of the December term was 23,964.

East Suffolk  
(excluding Lowestoft).

1954	...	...	23,255 (including 1,846 at Secondary Grammar Schools).
1955	...	...	23,524 (including 2,006 at Secondary Grammar Schools).
1956	...	...	23,964 (including 2,107 at Secondary Grammar Schools).

(a) *Routine Medical Inspection.*—The following routine examinations were made during the year:—

			1956.	1955.	1954.
Entrants	...	...	3,855	2,563	2,052
Second Age Group		...	2,292	2,000	1,742
Third Age Group		...	1,299	1,130	1,208

(b) *Other Inspections.*

Ashley Downs Special School	...	48
*Special Examinations and Re-examinations		4,436
Total	...	11,930

\*Special examinations, 414

Total number of individual children examined was	...	...	10,539
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## 5. Findings of Medical Inspection.

(a)

Year	Number of Pupils Inspected	PHYSICAL CONDITION			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		Number	Per- centage	Number	Per- centage
1956	7,494	7,271	97.02	223	2.97

(b) *Uncleanliness.**Vermin Tables.*

	No. of Visits to Schools by School Nurses.	No. of home visits.	Number of Examinations by School Nurses.			Number of Children examined and found verminous.					
						New Cases, for first time.			Individual Repeat Cases.		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1951	791	146	27753	26582	54335	26	120	146	6	41	47
1952	548	80	23076	22173	45249	27	85	112	11	32	43
1953	743	196	30854	29195	60049	48	124	172	20	64	84
1954	689	151	31121	29327	60448	35	110	145	9	35	44
1955	723	134	31924	29906	61830	32	73	105	14	23	37
1956	602	117	25109	24935	50044	17	54	71	7	25	32

The number of children found to be verminous for each 1,000 head examinations was:—

1951	...	...	2.70
1952	...	...	2.49
1953	...	...	2.86
1954	...	...	2.39
1955	...	...	1.70
1956	...	...	1.42

(c) *Ringworm of the Head.*—No cases of ringworm of the head were diagnosed or treated through the School Health Service during 1956.

(d) *Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases.*

Year.				Defective Vision.	
				Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1955	...	...	...	216	708
1956	...	...	...	350	1117

Year.				External Eye Disease.	
				Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1955	...	...	...	21	35
1956	...	...	...	28	82

(e) *Nose and Throat Defects.*

Year.	Tonsils and Adenoids.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1955 ... ..	23	316
1956 ... ..	48	539

## 6. Following Up.

During the year the School Nurses made 590 visits to the homes of children in need of medical and surgical treatment to ensure that the parents consulted the family doctor and carried out his recommendations.

## 7. Medical Treatment.

(a) *Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin.*—There are no Minor Ailment Clinics in the County, and children suffering from these conditions were referred to their private Medical Practitioner when treatment was required.

(b) *Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases.*—The arrangements made for this work to be carried out through the Supplementary Ophthalmic Services under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, appear to be working satisfactorily. These arrangements are supplemented by the Regional Hospital Board, who have at present 2 ophthalmic clinics in operation in the County, held in the Committee's clinic premises at Saxmundham and Stowmarket. Information so far obtained by follow-up home visits shows that of 244 children whose sight was tested by ophthalmic medical practitioners or ophthalmic opticians, 206 were prescribed glasses and 188 have obtained them. In one case no change of existing spectacles was required and in 37 cases glasses were found to be unnecessary at present.

(c) *Nose and Throat Defects.*

*Tonsils and Adenoids.*

Since all children who are considered by the School Medical Officers at routine medical inspections to require treatment for nose and throat defects are now referred to their own doctors, it is not possible to provide any accurate statistics. Information so far obtained by follow-up home visits shows that 18 children have received operative treatment, while 13 were not considered to require it at present.

*Other Conditions.*

Eighteen children were referred for treatment for various nasal conditions and, as far as can be ascertained, all have been treated.



(d) *Dental Inspection and Treatment.*

The Principal School Dental Officer, Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S., reports as follows:—

“On March 1st an additional Dental Officer, Mr. F.W. Walmsley, joined the staff, and a Dental Surgery was equipped for his use in Crowfoot School Beccles. This surgery is available for the routine treatment of all the school children in Beccles; also, it is a convenient centre for emergency treatment, and for those expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children for whom treatment is requested in that area. Treatment commenced at this Clinic in August, and thanks are expressed to the staff of Crowfoot School for arranging easy access to the school for dental patients. We are grateful for their ready co-operation in the establishment of this clinic.

The dental arrangements are reasonably satisfactory for the North-East of the County. It should be possible, in future, to reduce considerably the interval between inspections so that dental disease may be quickly checked and dental health maintained.

Unfortunately, in the South and West of the County the position has not improved, and the vicious circle—of longer intervals between inspections causing more time-consuming treatment—continues.

In the South of the County, emergency work has curtailed the time devoted to orthodontic treatment.

Chairside instructions, and illustrated leaflets on Oral Hygiene are given to the children in an attempt to combat the ravages brought about by excessive consumption of sweets, and the soft, de-natured modern diet. As we cannot alter the present day dietetic habits, we must endeavour to modify their effects on the child's dentition by Dental Health Education.”

(e) *Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.*

Since, during 1950, the responsibility for the making of appointments for school-children to see the Orthopaedic Surgeon at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital was passed to the Hospital Management Committee it has not been possible to establish an effective system for the exchange of information. No statistics relating to this form of treatment can therefore be given.

(f) *Child Guidance.*

The Ipswich Group Hospital Management Committee's Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. J. G. Howells, has kindly submitted the following short statistical summary of the work carried out by his Department during the year in respect of children residing in the Committee's area:—

New Cases—East Suffolk (excluding Lowestoft and Ipswich) ... ..	95
Referred by—G.P.s and Hospitals ...	81
School Medical Officer ...	12
Court ... ..	2
	—
	95
	—
Clinic Interviews ...	1,365
School Visits ...	22
Home Visits ...	57
Number of children attending at 1.1.56 ...	88
Number of children attending at 31.12.56 ...	99

(g) *Speech Therapy.*

At the beginning of the year the Speech Therapy Service was entirely suspended owing to the prolonged illness of Mrs. E. A. Smyth, L.C.S.T., at that time the only Therapist on the Committee's staff. Mrs. Smyth resumed work again in May, but only in a restricted area round Ipswich, and on a basis of weekly clinics and visits to certain schools.

In September another Speech Therapist, Miss S. Nicholson, L.C.S.T., commenced duty in the northern part of the County and it was then possible to arrange weekly clinics and school visits in that area.

The position at the end of the year was that clinic sessions were being held each week in the following places:—

Beccles  
Bungay  
Felixstowe  
Halesworth  
Stowmarket  
Woodbridge

in addition, weekly visits were being made to 7 schools. The number of pupils receiving treatment for various defects was 108 and as far as can be ascertained there are approximately a further 400 children in the County area who would benefit from speech therapy if the necessary skilled staff could be found.

## 8. Infectious and Contagious Diseases.

The table below shows the number of children known to have been excluded from school, either suffering from, or being contacts of the infectious and contagious diseases named.

	<i>No. of Cases.</i>		
Chicken-pox	...	...	560
Diphtheria	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	373
Mumps	...	...	140
Scarlet Fever	...	...	71
Whooping Cough	...	...	137
German Measles	...	...	35
Impetigo	...	...	52
Ringworm (skin)	...	...	4
Scabies	...	...	6
Poliomyelitis	...	...	1
Tonsillitis	...	...	12
Influenza	...	...	46
Dysentery	...	...	1

*School Closures:*—There was no need to close any school on account of infectious disease during 1956.

## 9. Physical Training and Remedial Exercises.

The Committee's Chief Organiser of Physical Education, Mr. H. Stott, reports as follows:—

"The procedure of handling reported cases has settled down to a generally known and approved pattern and there is, on the whole, co-operation from all concerned. The greatest difficulty is, undoubtedly, the willing and purposeful effort of the child. The normal physical education scheme of the school plays a big part in obtaining this full co-operation from the child and,

despite the shortage of specialist teachers, there has been an increased programme of activities within most of the schools, with a resulting awareness of good standards.

It is unfortunate, that facilities and conditions do not always permit the best opportunities being offered to those in particular need, but every effort has been made to help those children reported to the Organisers as special cases.

(a) 'Total number of children concerned:—

1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
113	240	282	124	167	134

(b) Summary of cases reported. N.B.—Some cases fall under more than one heading.

Foot conditions	...	...	...	87
Round Shoulder, Poor posture, etc.	...	...	...	56
Mouth breather	...	...	...	2

(c) Distribution of cases:—

	<i>Under 12</i>	<i>Over 12</i>	<i>Total</i>
(i) Boys: 1951	38	21	59
1952	72	54	126
1953	88	64	152
1954	42	21	63
1955	57	8	65
1956	42	16	58
(ii) Girls: 1951	26	28	54
1952	54	60	114
1953	55	75	130
1954	38	23	61
1955	68	34	102
1956	51	25	76

(d) Schools:

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
County Grammar ...	18	24	9	12	0	1
County Modern, Area and Full Standard ...	51	128	167	47	54	58
Junior and Infant ...	44	88	106	65	112	75"

## 10. School Meals.

The Chief Education Officer has supplied the following information relating to the work of the School Meals Service during the year:—

"The number of children taking meals in 1956 was about 14,950 or 62.4% of the children at school, compared with 62.7% in 1955.

A new kitchen and dining room has been built at Ilketshall St. Lawrence to replace the very small and inadequate one previously in use. At Flixton a kitchen has been provided to replace the wash-up and to eliminate transported meals from Beccles Central Kitchen.

Wash basins have been installed in 45 kitchens and also clothes cupboards where needed.

The Central Kitchen at the Maltings, Stowmarket, has been closed and the service replaced by meals provided from the Old Grammar School Kitchen and Primary School Kitchen, Stowmarket, and (temporarily) from East Bergholt and Debenham.



A new scullery has been provided at Wetherden School to replace the wash-up in a cloakroom.

The new Grammar School at Stowmarket has been furnished with a well equipped kitchen and dining space capable of supplying 375 meals.

The Education Committee thanks all who have assisted with the School Meals Service".

## 11. Provision of Milk for School Children.

### A.—MAINTAINED SCHOOLS.

#### 1. *Popularity of the Scheme.*

During the year liquid milk was delivered to all schools in the County (212), and of 23,984 children on roll in October, 18,061, that is 75.3% were receiving milk; the corresponding figure for 1955 was 76.3% and for 1954, 75.2%.

#### 2. *Delivery.*

At the end of the year all school milk was supplied in one-third pint bottles.

The milk was delivered by 41 dairymen, 39 of these obtain milk pasteurised and bottled at 16 licensed pasteurisation establishments, the remaining 2 deliver raw milk produced and bottled at their own dairies.

#### 3. *Quality of Milk.*

##### (a) *General.*

The County Medical Officer of Health must approve all supplies and where possible milk should be Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested. At the end of the year only 4 schools were not receiving "Pasteurised Milk", these four, Crowfield, Gosbeck, Pettaugh and Tuddenham, were receiving Tuberculin Tested. This year, for the first time, I am able to report that no school in the County received Undesignated milk supply.

The grades of milk approved are shown in the table below, figures for 1955 are given in parenthesis.

**Types of milk approved by the County Medical Officer,  
December, 1956.**

<i>Designation</i>	<i>No. of Schools</i>	<i>Percentage of all Schools</i>	<i>No. of 1/3rd pints daily</i>	<i>Percentage of total supply</i>
Pasteurised ...	208 (210)	97.65 (98.59)	17,960 (17,909)	99.44 (99.70)
Tuberculin Tested ...	4 (2)	1.88 (0.94)	101 (45)	0.56 (0.25)

##### (b) *Supervision of Supplies.*

Six of the 16 sources of pasteurised milk are situated within the County in these cases supervision was maintained by inspection of dairies, plant, bottles, etc. In all other cases a close liaison is maintained with officers of the appropriate Food and Drugs Authorities for this purpose.

Samples of milk were examined for the following purposes:—

##### (i) *Freedom from Infection.*

All raw milk supplies were examined biologically. 8 samples were taken and all were found to be negative for tubercle and brucella organisms.

(ii) *Keeping Quality and Efficiency of Pasteurisation.*

Forty-six samples were taken for this purpose. 4 failed the Methylene Blue test and 2 failed the Phosphatase test.

The Methylene Blue test failures occurred in cases where the milk was delivered to the school by small dairymen obtaining their supplies by wholesale from large dairies. The matter was taken up with both retailers and processors, and the necessary improvement was quickly effected.

The Phosphatase test failures occurred from one supplier who pasteurises his own supply in a small dairy in the County. The matter was taken up with him. The cause of the failure was ascertained and the matter rectified promptly.

In all cases further samples taken have proved satisfactory.

(iii) *Chemical Quality.*

Eighteen samples were examined for this purpose and all samples proved satisfactory.

B.—NON-MAINTAINED SCHOOLS.

On 1st September, 1956, Local Education Authorities assumed responsibility for the supply of milk to Non-Maintained Schools. In this County this involved the supply to 36 schools.

Milk is supplied from 11 sources by 12 dairymen; with the exception of one school receiving Tuberculin Tested milk, all supplies are Pastuerised.

3,268 children out of 3,543 on roll in October were taking milk, representing 92.2%.

**12. Co-operation with Voluntary Bodies.**

*National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

As in the past, the Officers of the Society have this year been very helpful in ensuring that in certain cases children received medical treatment. They have also been of great assistance in the more general aspect of the welfare of children attending the Committee's schools.

**13. Handicapped Pupils.**—The Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1953, detail ten categories of defects which require special educational treatment, and the following statistics indicate the progress that has been made in ascertaining and dealing with children who come within the scope of the Regulations. More detailed statistical information will be found in the Tables at the end of this Report.

*Educationally Subnormal.*—The following table shows the number of educationally subnormal children at present ascertained in the County, 47 of whom are in residential Special Schools.

Year	No. of Educationally Subnormal Children on Register at end of year.	No. of Children mentally tested during year	Classified as—				
			Requiring treatment in a Special School		Requiring special class at an ordinary School	Retarded only, not requiring any Special Education	Requiring Notification to Local Authority as being ineducable.
			Res.	Day			
1955	175	36	22	—	3	1	10
1956	184	55	37	—	12	—	6



<i>Other Defects—</i>					<i>Total ascertained</i>	<i>At Special School.</i>
Blind Pupils	...	...	...	...	1	1
Partially Sighted Pupils	...	...	...	...	8	5
Deaf Pupils	...	...	...	...	18	17
Partially Deaf Pupils	...	...	...	...	7	4
Delicate Pupils	...	...	...	...	7	—
Epileptic Pupils	...	...	...	...	—	—
Maladjusted Pupils	...	...	...	...	29	13 + 2 at Independent Schools.
Physically Handicapped Pupils	...	...	...	...	30	9
Pupils suffering from Speech Defect	...	...	...	...	—	—
<b>Multiple Defects:</b>						
Educationally Subnormal and Physically Handicapped					2	—
Educationally Subnormal and Maladjusted					1	1
Educationally Subnormal and Epileptic					3	1
Epileptic, Educationally Subnormal and Maladjusted					1	1
Educationally Subnormal, Physically Handicapped and Partially Sighted					1	1 at Independent School
Epileptic and Educationally Subnormal					1	1
Educationally Subnormal and Partially Sighted					1	—
Maladjusted and Educationally Subnormal					1	—

#### 14. Full Time Courses of Technical Training for Handicapped Children.

Two blind students were in training during the year 1956, but one of these completed her course at the end of the autumn term. There were no students awaiting training.

One student was in training at the Chalfont Colony for Epileptics during 1956. No other students completed their training, or were awaiting admission to courses.

#### 15. Nursery Schools.

There are at present no Nursery Schools in the County,

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURN, 1956.**

**TABLE I.**

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND  
 SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

**A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS**

Age Groups Inspected and Number of Pupils examined in each

Entrants ... ..	3,855
Second Age Group ... ..	2,292
Third Age Group ... ..	1,299
Total ...	7,446
Additional Periodic Inspections† ... ..	48
Grand Total ...	7,494

**B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS**

Number of Special Inspections ... ..	414
Number of Re-Inspections ... ..	4,022
Total ...	4,436

**C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.**

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

- NOTES: (1) Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment for a defect should be not excluded from this return by reason of the fact that they are already under treatment for that defect.
- (2) No individual pupil should be recorded more than once in any one column of this Table, and therefore the total in column (4) will not necessarily be the same as the sum of columns (2) and (3).

Age Groups Inspected. (1)	For defective vision (exclud- ing squint). (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table III. (3)	Total individual pupils. (4)
Entrants ... ..	82	85	134
Second Age Group ... ..	50	79	56
Third Age Group ... ..	20	41	29
Total	152	205	219
Additional Periodic In- spections† ... ..	—	5	5
GRAND TOTAL ...	152	210	224

†E.g. Pupils at special schools or who missed the usual periodic examination.

D.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED IN THE AGE GROUPS RECORDED IN TABLE 1.A.

Age Groups Inspected	No of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Col. (2)	No.	% of Col. (2)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Entrants ... ..	3,855	3,711	96.26	144	3.74
Second Age Group ...	2,292	2,244	97.91	48	2.08
Third Age Group ...	1,299	1,269	97.69	30	2.31
Additional Periodic Inspections ... ..	48	47	97.91	1	2.08
TOTAL ... ..	7,494	7,271	97.02	223	2.97

TABLE II.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

(i) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by the school nurses or other authorized persons ...	50,044
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	71
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944) ...	—
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944) ...	—

TABLE III.

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

## A.—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

De- fect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				TOTAL (including all other age groups inspected)	
		Entrants		Leavers		Requir- ing Treat- ment (7)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (8)
		Requir- ing Treat- ment (3)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (4)	Requir- ing Treat- ment (5)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (6)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4	Skin ...	4	53	9	20	15	84
5	Eyes—						
	(a) Vision ...	82	530	20	184	152	1002
	(b) Squint ...	5	58	—	8	5	85
	(c) Other ...	7	38	1	9	11	87
6	Ears—						
	(a) Hearing ...	3	39	1	7	5	64
	(b) Otitis Media	1	45	—	6	1	62
	(c) Other ...	—	53	1	5	1	70
7	Nose & Throat	12	550	—	51	17	723
8	Speech ...	12	61	—	7	13	90
9	Lymphatic Glands	5	68	—	8	5	89
10	Heart ...	1	54	1	10	2	85
11	Lungs ...	1	128	1	26	4	204
12	Developmental—						
	(a) Hernia ...	2	8	—	2	2	10
	(b) Other ...	—	60	—	6	1	94
13	Orthopaedic—						
	(a) Posture ...	3	77	4	24	17	142
	(b) Feet ...	19	137	14	13	63	209
	(c) Other ...	7	151	7	21	20	224
14	Nervous System—						
	(a) Epilepsy ...	—	1	—	1	1	3
	(b) Other ...	—	12	—	—	—	13
15	Psychological—						
	(a) Development	—	22	—	5	—	45
	(b) Stability ...	—	17	1	3	3	32
16	Abdomen ...	2	14	—	—	2	14
17	Other ...	1	84	1	27	2	155

TABLE III (Continued).

## B.—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin ... ..	—	2
5	Eyes—		
	(a) Vision ... ..	3	41
	(b) Squint ... ..	9	3
	(c) Other ... ..	—	6
6	Ears—		
	(a) Hearing ... ..	1	2
	(b) Otitis Media ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	4
7	Nose and Throat ... ..	1	7
8	Speech ... ..	—	7
9	Lymphatic Glands ... ..	—	—
10	Heart ... ..	—	1
11	Lungs ... ..	—	2
12	Developmental—		
	(a) Hernia ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	2
13	Orthopaedic—		
	(a) Posture ... ..	—	6
	(b) Feet ... ..	2	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	10
14	Nervous System—		
	(a) Epilepsy ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	—
15	Psychological—		
	(a) Development ... ..	—	2
	(b) Stability ... ..	—	1
16	Abdomen ... ..	—	1
17	Other ... ..	—	5



TABLE IV.

## TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

NOTES:—

In Groups 1, 2 and 3 treatment includes all defects treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority's own staff, however brought to the Authority's notice (i.e., whether by periodic inspection, special inspection, or otherwise during the year in question or previously) or provided otherwise than by the Authority (i.e. known by the Authority to have been provided, including treatment carried out in school clinics by the Regional Hospital Board).

## GROUP 1.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with.	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ...	—	18
Errors of refraction (including squint) ...	—	248
Total ...	—	266
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ...	—	210

## GROUP 2.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE &amp; THROAT.

	Number of cases known to have been treated	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
Received operative treatment—		
(a) for diseases of the ear ...	—	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ...	—	21
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ...	—	—
Received other forms of treatment ...	—	21
Total ...	—	42
Total Number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—		
(a) in 1956 ...	—	—
(b) in previous years ...	—	1

## GROUP 3.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

	By the Authority	Otherwise
Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics and out-patient departments ... ..	—	22

## GROUP 4.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanliness for which see Table II).

	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority
Ringworm—(i) Scalp ... ..	—
(ii) Body ... ..	—
Scabies ... ..	—
Impetigo ... ..	—
Other skin diseases ... ..	—
Total ... ..	—

## GROUP 5.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

Number of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	—
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## GROUP 6.—SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	154
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## GROUP 7.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

(a) Number of cases of miscellaneous minor ailments treated by the Authority ...	—
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination ... ..	—
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above—	
1. ... ..	—
2. ... ..	—
Total (a)-(d) ... ..	—

TABLE V.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT  
BY THE AUTHORITY.

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—					
(a) At Periodic Inspections	...	...	...	...	10,609
(b) As Specials	...	...	...	...	101
			Total (1)	...	10,710
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(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	6,049
(3) Number offered treatment	...	...	...	...	6,049
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	3,780
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at heading 11(h)	...	...	...	...	5,436
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(6) Half-days devoted to: Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	...	125
Treatment	...	...	...	...	1,061
			Total (6)	...	1,186
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(7) Fillings:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	2,873
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	423
			Total (7)	...	3,296
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(8) Number of Teeth filled: Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	2,582
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	397
			Total (8)	...	2,979
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(9) Extractions:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	551
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	3,587
			Total (9)	...	4,138
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(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	...	12
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(11) Orthodontics:					
(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	...	8
(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	...	...	15
(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	...	10
(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	...	2
(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	...	25
(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	25
(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	—
(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	...	181
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(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial dentures	...	...	...	...	7
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(13) Other operations:					
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	765
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	1,188
			Total (13)	...	1,953
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# HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES.

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1956	(1) Blind (2) Partially sighted		(3) Deaf (4) Partially deaf		(5) Delicate (6) Physically handicapped		(7) Educationally sub-normal (8) Mal-adjusted		(9) Epileptic	Total 1-9
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
A. Handicapped pupils <i>newly placed</i> in special schools or boarding homes	1	2	2	—	1	2	13	5	—	26
B. Handicapped pupils <i>newly assessed</i> as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes	—	4	4	—	1	—	38	9	—	56
On or about 31st January, 1957 number of handicapped pupils from the Authority's area—										
C. (i) on the registers of special schools as:										
(a) day pupils ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) boarding pupils ...	1	6	17	2	1	4	48	9	2	90
(ii) on the registers of independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	4	—	8
(iii) boarded in homes and not already included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL C. ...	1	6	17	3	1	5	50	13	2	98
D. being educated under arrangements made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944.										
(i) in hospitals ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spastics, convalescent homes) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	4

Handicapped Pupils requiring Education at Special Schools or Boarding in Boarding Homes—  
*continued.*

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## BOROUGH OF LOWESTOFT.

### (EXCEPTED DISTRICT).

The following report on the work of the School Health Service during 1956 has been prepared by Dr. A. C. Gee, School Medical Officer for Lowestoft.

"The past year has been a comparatively uneventful one, the work of the Department continuing steadily in a routine manner. Hopes that we should succeed in finding a Speech Therapist have not yet been fulfilled so, in order to provide some speech training for the less severe cases, steps were initiated towards the end of the year to secure the services of an Elocutionist, until such time as a fully qualified Speech Therapist could be found. There are a number of infants who, for a variety of reasons, have defective speech ability for whom an Elocutionist can do much and I hope to be able to report favourably on this experiment in due course. Apart from this group, there are approximately 35 cases requiring a qualified Speech Therapist's attention.

I am pleased to be able to report an improvement in the Health Visitor/School Nurse staff situation. Miss M. Edwards and Mrs. G. Robertson joined the Department in July and, thanks to their energetic services, much of the back work has been brought up to date. Miss Pretty's part-time services have been increased to nine sessions per week, thus helping materially to cover the school cleanliness work. On this subject, it should be noted that 25,589 inspections were carried out during the year compared with 15,347 the previous year, and that some 134 cases of head vermin were detected and treated compared with 79 the year before. These cases comprise a hard core of problem families, upon whom constant threats, repeated treatment and regular observation appear to have little lasting effect. It is only by regular inspection and prompt treatment that we can keep this group under control and thus ensure that they do not spread their infestation to others. One feels that parents themselves should regularly inspect their children's heads. This was routine years ago but seems rarely done nowadays.

I am indebted to my colleague Dr. Sim for an investigation she has carried out during the year into the number of parents attending at the routine inspection of their children. It is very desirable, particularly in the case of younger pupils, that parents should be available at the time of the child's medical inspection so that the doctor may discuss with them any difficulties they may be encountering with the child. Furthermore, this then provides an opportunity for the doctor to advise the parents on any defects which may be found during the inspection.

### School Canteen Hygiene.

During the course of the year, the Chief Public Health Inspector's Department carried out inspections of the school canteens. I am pleased to report that they found all kitchens, washing-up rooms, food stores and toilets in a very clean condition.

The number of washing-up sinks and wash hand basins was adequate—these fittings were well maintained and a satisfactory washing-up routine was in operation in each kitchen. All food handlers were wearing clean overalls and gave satisfactory replies to enquiries connected with the hygienic handling of food.

Attention was called to renewal of the internal decoration of three kitchens and recommendations made for the replacement of several wooden topped tables used for food preparation, by tables with impervious tops. At the time of writing, these matters have been included for execution during 1957/58.

Mr. Cormack wishes to place on record his appreciation of the co-operation of Mrs. Welton, the School Meals Organiser, in carrying out the above work.

On the subject of school meals, it will be appreciated that we do frequently recommend cases for free school meals on medical grounds. Where a child's physique is so poor or his home background such as to suggest that his poor physical condition is due to bad feeding at home, the free provision of school meals is recommended. During the year, 23 pupils were dealt with in this manner.

## Statistics.

From the statistics which follow, it will be seen that the load of routine medical inspections continues much as before. The number of children found at these inspections to require some form of treatment also continues much about the same. Of these the most prevalent are defects of vision. One is often asked these days whether TV is producing any noticeable effect on the children's vision. Apart from an occasional child whose complaints of repeated headaches can be traced to too prolonged viewing, there does not appear to be any indication of more cases of eye strain than hitherto. As with most things in life, whilst moderation does no harm, excess can produce ill effects.

Table B on Form 8.M.(i) is now required to show the classification of the physical condition of pupils as "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory", not as "good", "fair" and "poor" as previously. It is not possible therefore to make a comparison with previous years. This new classification is not, in my view, so convenient as the previous one as it makes no distinction between the average and the outstandingly well developed child. It is gratifying however, to note that 99% of the school population come within the "satisfactory" group.

The statistics relating to the dental service show an increase of work over last year in practically every section. I would like to take the opportunity of pointing out how extremely fortunate we are in having a full school dental service in the Borough. We should be very grateful indeed for the loyal service which our dental surgeons and their staff give to the school children of the Borough.

The return of defects found at Medical Inspection (Table III) is, this year, divided into Entrants and Leavers. From this division it will be possible in future to ascertain the extent of the remedial health work which is carried out during school life.

Due to one or two changes in the Ophthalmic Consultant Staff, some delay in obtaining treatment for children with vision defects was experienced during the year. However, a new Consultant has now been appointed and arrangements have been put in hand to catch up on outstanding cases.

### **Immunisation.**

Whilst most of our activities in this sphere are directed at the pre-school child, booster doses of diphtheria vaccine are offered to all school entrants. During the year, 570 such pupils were given diphtheria vaccine and 7 combined diphtheria and whooping cough vaccine, plus 32 pupils immunised by their own family doctors. This total of 577 pupils, immunised at school, represents approximately 97% of the total entrants; a very good figure indeed.

In addition to these, 50 children were given their first injections against diphtheria and/or whooping cough. These were children who should, of course, have been immunised in infancy. There is an increasing tendency for some parents to leave immunisation until their children start school. This is a practice which is to be strongly deprecated as the value of immunisation is possibly even greater in the child's first year. Immunisation against poliomyelitis was started during the year and of the 317 boys and 291 girls of school age registered for immunisation, it was possible to inject only 36 boys and 26 girls due to the limited supplies of vaccine".

## 1. STAFF.

### **Borough School Medical Officer:**

Arthur C. Gee, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

### **Deputy School Medical Officer:**

Isabella Sim, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

### **School Medical Officers:**

None.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 0.77 of a full-time Officer.

### **Speech Therapist:**

Vacancy.

### **Principal School Dental Officer:**

Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S.

### **School Dental Officers:**

Mrs. H. A. Bell, L.D.S.

Miss Janet W. Hepburn, L.D.S.

### **County Nursing Officer:**

Miss M. Vaughan-Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

### **Deputy County Nursing Officer:**

Miss H. Place, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

### **School Nurses:**

Mrs. D. Carter.

Miss J. P. Cosnett.

Miss M. C. Edwards (from 14/7/56).

Miss E. A. M. Pretty (part-time).

Mrs. G. T. G. Robertson (from 16/7/56).

Miss A. Taylor.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 2.3 full time School Nurses.

### **Dental Attendants:**

Miss D. Rackham,

Miss D. Rudd,



## 2. STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

## A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Age Groups inspected and Number of Pupils examined in each

Entrants ... ..	651
Second Age Group ... ..	637
Third Age Group ... ..	479
Total ... ..	1,767
Additional Periodic Inspections† ... ..	219
Grand Total ... ..	1,986

## B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections ... ..	7
Number of Re-Inspections ... ..	717
Total ... ..	724

## C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to  
Require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

- NOTES—(1) Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment for a defect should not be excluded from this return by reason of the fact that they are already under treatment for that defect.
- (2) No individual pupil should be recorded more than once in any one column of this Table, and therefore the total in column (4) will not necessarily be the same as the sum of columns (2) and (3).

Age Groups Inspected. (1)	For defective vision (exclud- ing squint). (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table III. (3)	Total individual pupils. (4)
Entrants ... ..	9	69	75
Second Age Group ... ..	47	26	72
Third Age Group ... ..	14	26	40
Total ... ..	70	121	187
Additional periodic inspec- tions† ... ..	10	20	30
GRAND TOTAL ... ..	80	141	217

†E.g. Pupils at special schools or who missed the usual periodic examination,



D.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED IN THE AGE GROUPS RECORDED IN TABLE 1.A.

Age Groups Inspected	No of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Col. (2)	No.	% of Col. (2)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Entrants ... ..	651	642	98.6	9	1.4
Second Age Group ...	637	632	99.2	5	0.8
Third Age Group ...	479	478	99.8	1	0.2
Additional Periodic Inspections ... ..	219	214	97.7	5	2.3
TOTAL ... ..	1,986	1,966	99.0	20	1.0

TABLE II.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

(i) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in Schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons	25,589
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	134
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	—
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

TABLE III.

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

## A.—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				TOTAL (including all other age groups inspected)	
		Entrants		Leavers		Requir- ing 'Treat- ment (7)	Requir- ing Observ- ation (8)
		Requir- ing Treat- ment (3)	Requir- ing Observ- ation (4)	Requir- ing Treat- ment (5)	Requir- ing Observ- ation (6)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4	Skin ...	6	—	4	1	17	2
5	Eyes—						
	(a) Vision ...	10	196	14	45	80	344
	(b) Squint ...	11	3	1	1	14	7
	(c) Other ...	2	—	1	—	5	—
6	Ears—						
	(a) Hearing ...	—	8	1	1	1	10
	(b) Otitis Media	2	—	—	—	3	—
	(c) Other ...	—	3	—	—	2	8
7	Nose & Throat	29	78	4	—	47	96
8	Speech ...	1	18	—	—	5	36
9	Lymphatic Glands	—	5	—	—	—	8
10	Heart ...	—	2	2	3	3	7
11	Lungs ...	4	13	1	1	7	22
12	Developmental—						
	(a) Hernia ...	—	1	—	—	—	2
	(b) Other ...	1	4	—	—	2	20
13	Orthopaedic—						
	(a) Posture ...	1	2	2	2	4	20
	(b) Feet ...	2	1	2	—	4	2
	(c) Other ...	11	18	7	3	24	27
14	Nervous System—						
	(a) Epilepsy ...	—	2	1	—	2	3
	(b) Other ...	—	5	—	—	—	10
15	Psychological—						
	(a) Development	—	1	—	—	—	6
	(b) Stability ...	—	5	—	—	—	7
16	Abdomen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Other ...	1	4	3	—	6	6

TABLE III (Continued).

## B.—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin ... ..	—	—
5	Eyes—		
	(a) Vision ... ..	—	—
	(b) Squint ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	—
6	Ears—		
	(a) Hearing ... ..	—	—
	(b) Otitis Media ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	—
7	Nose and Throat ... ..	—	1
8	Speech ... ..	—	—
9	Lymphatic Glands ... ..	—	—
10	Heart ... ..	—	—
11	Lungs ... ..	—	—
12	Developmental—		
	(a) Hernia ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	—
13	Orthopaedic—		
	(a) Posture ... ..	—	—
	(b) Feet ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	—
14	Nervous System—		
	(a) Epilepsy ... ..	—	1
	(b) Other ... ..	—	2
15	Psychological—		
	(a) Development ... ..	—	—
	(b) Stability ... ..	—	—
16	Abdomen ... ..	—	—
17	Other ... ..	—	1

TABLE IV.

## TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

NOTES:—In Groups 1, 2 and 3 treatment includes all defects treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority's own staff, however brought to the Authority's notice (i.e., whether by periodic inspection special inspection, or otherwise during the year in question or previously) or provided otherwise than by the Authority (i.e. known by the Authority to have been provided, including treatment carried out in school clinics by the Regional Hospital Board).

## GROUP 1.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with.	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ... ..	46	—
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	139	316
Total ... ..	185	316
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ... ..	—	48

## GROUP 2.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE &amp; THROAT.

	Number of cases known to have been treated	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
Received operative treatment—		
(a) for diseases of the ear ... ..	—	4
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	—	287
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	—	16
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	21	—
Total ... ..	21	307
Total Number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—		
(a) in 1956 ... ..	—	—
(b) in previous years ... ..	—	2

## GROUP 3.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

	By the Authority	Otherwise
Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics and out-patient departments ... ..	15	59

## GROUP 4.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanness for which see Table II).

	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority
Ringworm—(i) Scalp ... ..	1
(ii) Body ... ..	2
Scabies ... ..	—
Impetigo ... ..	12
Other skin diseases ... ..	119
Total ... ..	134

## GROUP 5.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

Number of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	—
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## GROUP 6.—SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	—
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## GROUP 7.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

(a) Number of cases of miscellaneous minor ailments treated by the Authority ...	272
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination ... ..	25
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above—	
1. ... ..	—
2. ... ..	—
Total (a)-(d) ... ..	—



TABLE V.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT  
BY THE AUTHORITY.

(1) Number of pupils inspected by Authority's Dental Officers:—					
(a) Periodic	...	...	...	...	3,306
(b) Specials	...	...	...	...	1,560
				Total (1)	4,866
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(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	3,241
(3) Number offered treatment	...	...	...	...	2,201
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	2,259
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at heading 11(h)	...	...	...	...	4,962
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(6) Half days devoted to Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	...	29
	Treatment	...	...	...	834
				Total (6)	863
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(7) Fillings:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	2,815
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	571
				Total (7)	3,386
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(8) Number of Teeth Filled: Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	2,358
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	537
				Total (8)	2,895
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(9) Extractions:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	273
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	1,845
				Total (9)	2,118
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(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	...	1,061
(11) Orthodontics:					
(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	...	16
(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	...	...	13
(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	...	7
(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	...	1
(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	...	18
(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	18
(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	—
(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	...	128
(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial dentures	...	...	...	...	2
(13) Other operations:					
	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	883
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	676
				Total (13)	1,559
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# HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES.

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1956	(1) Blind (2) Partially sighted		(3) Deaf (4) Partially deaf		(5) Delicate (6) Physically handicapped		(7) Educa- tionally sub- normal (8) Mal- adjusted		(9) Epi- leptic	Total 1-9
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
A. Handicapped pu- pils <i>newly placed</i> in special schools or boarding homes	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	7
B. Handicapped pu- pils <i>newly assessed</i> as needing special educational treat- ment at special schools or in boarding homes	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	2	—	11
On or about 31st Jan- uary, 1957 number of handicapped pu- pils from the Auth- ority's area—										
C. (i) on the registers of special schools as:										
(a) day pupils ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) boarding pu- pils ...	2	5	3	2	1	4	18	4	—	39
(ii) on the regis- ters of independ- ent schools under arrangements made by the Authority ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) boarded in homes and not al- ready included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL C. ...	2	5	3	2	1	4	18	4	—	39
D. being educated under arrange- ments made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944.										
(i) in hospitals ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spasties, conval- escent homes) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2

Handicapped Pupils requiring Education at Special Schools or Boarding in Boarding Homes—  
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